



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Wolf-Georg FORSSMAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/508,095

Filed: March 16, 2000

For: BIFIDIOGENIC PEPTIDES

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: C. Kam

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicants submits the instant paper in response to the Notice to Comply mailed November 20, 2001.

The Notice to Comply was mailed in error by the PTO. The Notice to Comply includes a "Raw Sequence Listing Error Report" for a sequence listing entirely different from the sequence listing in the instant application. The instant application contains only 16 sequences; whereas, the Raw Sequence Listing Error Report relates to a sequence listing containing 165 sequences.

Apparently, the PTO mixed up its files. While the Raw Sequence Listing Error Report relates to a sequence listing containing the Serial Number of the instant application, the Error Report relates to a sequence listing that was not submitted by Applicants. Applicants files show that a computer readable form of the sequence listing was submitted in compliance with the rules, and the error is entirely on the part of the PTO.

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Applicants wish to thank Examiner C. Kam for the courteous consideration rendered their representative during telephone discussions on December 27 and 28, 2001. Applicants understand that Examiner Kam reported the Notice to Comply was a PTO error and that Applicants' Sequence Listing was in full compliance.

Since the Notice to Comply was issued due to a PTO error, no extension fee is necessary for submitting this paper, which merely points out to the PTO its error.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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